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INCREASED PRODUCTION IN EAST GERMAN
PEOPLE-OWNED INDUSTRY

The following report is drawn from a speech by Fritz Selbmann, German Minister of Industry.

The total number of employees in people-owned enterprises was 714,312 on 30 June 1948. On 30 September 1949 the number was 949,475, an increase of 32 percent in 1 1/2 years.

The greatest increases occurred in the machine industry, from 160,500 to 241,500 (51 percent), the electrical industry, from 36,000 to 60,800 (69 percent), the precision instrument and optical industry, from 19,000 to 30,000 (56 percent), and in the construction material industry, from 43,000 to 69,000 (60 percent). The number of employees in people-owned enterprises comprises 48 percent of the total employed in industry.

Average monthly production for the first three quarters of 1949 was 83 percent above the total monthly production of the first half of 1948.

The greatest production increases occurred in the electrical industry (108 percent), in the precision instrument and optical industry (183 percent), in the cellulose and paper industry (162 percent), and in the production of foods and beverages (165 percent). These figures represent the actual value of the products regardless of any price fluctuations.

In regard to quantity, the following production increases occurred during the same period:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Raw brown coal	9
Brown coal briquettes	16
Black coal	12
Copper ore	40
Pig iron	36

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<u>Product</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Raw steel	190
Rolling mill products	119
Sulfuric acid	43
Gasoline	68
Potash, salts	60
Truck covers	168
Cellulose for textiles	45
Cellulose wool	63
Cement	34
Window glass	173
Electric power	18

By the end of October 1949 the production plan was fulfilled in individual industries as follows:

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Mining	91
Metallurgy	82
Electrical industry	99
Machine industry	96
Precision instruments and optical industry	95.5
Chemical industry	98
Building materials industry	98.5
Wood industry	115
Textile industry	99
Cellulose and paper industry	133
Light industry	85
Electric power industry	113.5

Planned Production for 1950

The following quantitative production increases over the 1948 level will be realized in 1950 (in percentages):

Coal mining, 16; copper ore mining, over 50; crude ore production, 83; raw steel production, 300; rolled steel, 270; sulfuric acid, over 90; phosphorus fertilizer, over 110; gasoline, over 80; potassium salts, over 50; cellulose for textiles, over 50; rayon, over 85; cellulose wool, over 115; and leather shoes, 80.

The Finance Plan for 1949 foresaw a total gross profit of 271 million Deutsche marks for the entire year for all people-owned, zonally administered enterprises. The balance for the first half of 1949 shows a gross profit of 190 million Deutsche marks, which means that the planned profit was exceeded by 40 percent. There is not one branch of industry which did not attain its planned profit.

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